



## **AGENDA**

### **SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SFWMD) WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION (WRAC)**

#### **C-111 Spreader Canal Design Refinements Issues Workshop**

**Friday, May 23, 2008, 10:00 a.m.**

**Building B-1, Auditorium, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL**

1. Open House – View Project Graphics
2. Welcome, Introductions and Purpose of Meeting – Tommy Strowd, Assistant Deputy Executive Director, Everglades Restoration, SFWMD  
Tommy Strowd welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained the purpose of the meeting. He announced that the following C-111 meeting will be held in Homestead, June 17.
3. Summary of C-111 Spreader Canal Stakeholder Meetings – Tommy Strowd, SFWMD  
Tommy Strowd gave an overview of the meetings that had been held regarding the C-111 Spreader Canal and the results of these meetings. He expressed the intention to present the findings to the WRAC July 3 and the Governing Board on July 11.  
Q: Are we doing a NEPA report on this project?  
A: Yes, it is in the works.
4. C-111 Spreader Canal Design Refinements – Expedited Plan – Dewey Worth, Dir., Southern Everglades Div., SFWMD  
Dewey Worth presented the C-111 Spreader Canal Design Refinements.  
Q: Will the connector from the irrigation canal be a pipe or a canal?  
A: At the time it is decided it will be the one that is most effective to get the water to the Aerojet.  
Q: How much drainage goes from Taylor Slough into the Miami Bay area? Are you concerned with the rapid drainage?  
A: C-111 basically cuts across the contour from the coastal ridge to the ocean. After the water passes the S-177 structure there is no obstruction to the bay. This is what we are trying to prevent.  
Q: If we are trying to prevent the rapid flow how are you going to have flood protection without the rapid flow?  
A: That is the purpose of this pilot study. A combination of the operation of the Frog Pond Reservoir, Aerojet and future spreader canal will probably provide the flood control needed for Florida City and Homestead. Planning in the future will let us know if this is technically possible.  
Q: Any changes to the S-177 structure?  
A: It was modified to hold canal stages higher.  
Q: How does retaining more water not impact the groves in that area?  
A: Under the existing system we have to wait for gravity flow. All the farm areas showed an improvement with this design.

Kim Taplin - The purpose is to extend the concept of the upper canal to the C-111 canal.

Tom MacVicar - The concept of S-177 will be hard to sell to the local landowners because it increases the potential for flooding. The language needs to be reviewed.

Q: Where will the Cape Sable Seaside sparrow be affected?

A: Next to the Frog Pond. More water to Taylor Slough might compromise the sparrow. We will work with USFWS. Restoration of the Everglades is the purpose and we can't allow one species to stop restoration.

Q: Why don't you negotiate the issues before spending any more taxpayer's money?

A: We are working with the agencies involved and the issues will be reviewed during the NEPA process.

Kim Taplin -During the NEPA process we expect a biological opinion from USFWS regarding the sparrow.

Q: Is funding being done through the PIR?

A: We feel comfortable with the schedule the PIR is on and we feel we won't have any problems. As a State project, after all the environmental issues are resolved, we will get the money. It is an important project and we won't need Federal money.

Q: Will the Governing Board be involved?

A: As we go through the process we will present it to the WRAC first and then we will bring it to the Governing Board so that we can move ahead with State money.

Q: Will stakeholders be able to provide input during the process on the operational plan?

A: Yes we will use the same process and then present to the WRAC and the Governing Board.

Q: Do we have a timeline on this project?

A: We will be putting out bids for contractors next year, and construction is expected to begin September, 2009.

- Public Comment – no public comment.

5. Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 noon.

6. Additional Discussion, if needed – led by Tommy Strowd and Dewey Worth, Everglades Restoration, SFWMD – None needed.

m = minutes

p = presentation

d = discussion

q&a = questions and answers